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British Castles: They are always very large and have many rooms and can be maybe 2-3 stories high. They will have gardens and they will usually be quite cold since they are sometimes made of stone or brick. They can come in a range of colours, grey, and white, golden and pale. There are many windows and they have been around for hundreds of years.

Japanese Homes: Timber and clay have been the main building materials for Japanese homes for hundreds of years. The sliding doors on the inside are very fragile and some of it is made of paper and it will rip easily. Traditional Japanese homes have probably been around since the 1600’s or more. They will usually have decks at the front near the front door so you can take your shoes off before entering.

Amsterdam Houses: Houses in Amsterdam are usually very long and thin, which very thin walls. They are all usually very close together. They are very old and some are made of brick. They have many small windows too.

German Castles: They are mostly built on hills and have a fairy tale look to them. They have big towers and are made of, mortar, wood and stone. They are very gigantic and in different parts of the castle such as the front and back they can be different but matching colours.

Igloos: Igloos would always be found in cold countries such as the Arctic, Antarctica, Iceland etc. These are just built of plain ice and built for survival.

Thai Houses: Traditional Thai houses have pointy roofs with curvy shapes going along the edge. They will sometimes have miniature shrines somewhere outside or inside the house which gives offerings their King or God. At the front there will be decks and stairs. Most houses in Bangkok are made of teak wood. The houses in Bangkok are built in poles to prevent periodic inundations.

Iceland Earth Sheltered Houses: They are architectural practises of using earth against building walls for external heat mass, to reduce heat loss, and to maintain an indoor temperature. The house is on a slope or a hillside. Grass or moss covers most of the house. The houses are quite uncivilized and very cold. Inside they are somewhat caves.

Cottages: Cottages can be found in a lot of countries like Germany and England. Some cottages are quite cold so need heating. They are made of stone, brick or slate.

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